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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

**Kenneth P. HINCKLEY et al.**

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For: METHOD FOR PROVIDING FEEDBACK  
RESPONSIVE TO SENSING A PHYSICAL  
PRESENCE PROXIMATE TO A CONTROL  
OF AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) In a computer system including an auxiliary control, a method comprising the steps of:

detecting a first physical presence proximate to or contacting a first auxiliary control for a predefined period in which the first auxiliary control maintains an inactive state; and

generating feedback responsive to said step of detecting, the feedback providing an indication of the functionality of the first auxiliary control, the functionality of the first auxiliary control and associated feedback being dependent upon which one of a plurality of applications is active.

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3. (Amended) The method according to claim 2, wherein the computer system has a game controller including the first auxiliary control.

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9. (Amended) In a computer system including an auxiliary control and a display, a method comprising the steps of: